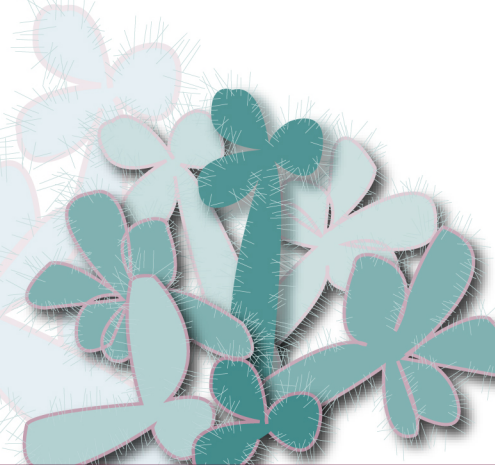




Cholla District Network News



Vice Mayor Manny Martinez, City of Glendale

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Back to School Drive

The Visitor Center, in partnership with the Glendale Police Department, will be collecting items for deserving students in Glendale during Sweet Summer Saturday on August 16.

- Backpacks
- Pencils
- Paper
- Folders
- Binders
- Crayons
- Glue
- Uniforms

The schools are in need of uniforms of all sizes for the students. They wear forest green polo shirts and khaki pants, shorts or skirts. These items are available at Wal-Mart.

Sweet Summer Saturday. Head to Glendale for Sweet Summer Saturday on Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a fun-filled send-off to summer!

Start your day at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up your sweet summer gift bag filled with downtown discounts, an event map and a special surprise. Free gift bags will be given to the first 500 visitors, and everyone will get a prize by spinning the themed prize wheel.

Ride in style in the cool, air-conditioned Glendale Express shuttle, which will provide free, all-day service throughout the Old Towne and Catlin Court districts. Enjoy many interactive activities including make-and-take arts and crafts and a Cerreta's Candy Company make-and-take treat for a nominal fee. Additional entertainment will include a caricature artist, magician, balloon artist and a mime.

An important part of the event is a Back to School Drive to benefit local K-8 schools in the Glendale Elementary School District.

For more information on the sweetest thing going this summer, [click here](#) or call the Glendale Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500. The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140.

Vacant Homes and Rental Property Forum. What you need to know to protect your neighborhood!

Vacant properties and rental homes have become a huge challenge for our community. In most cases, problems could have been minimized or prevented entirely if property owners and citizens were aware of what was happening, what to look for and what to do.

In an effort to help inform, educate and empower its residents on these issues, the Glendale Police Department is hosting a free vacant homes and rental property forum. The forum will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, September 8 at the Glendale Police Department Classroom, 6835 N. 57th Drive.

Glendale's Community Action Team will discuss problems that can happen to vacant property such as party crews, criminal damage and squatters; and what property owners and neighbors can do to protect their property. Pre-registration is required as seating is limited. To register, call (623) 930-4037.

Frequently Called Phone Numbers. Don't know who to call to get information? The "Frequently Called Phone Numbers" brochure is a listing of telephone numbers that will guide you quickly to the city department or other agency that can best answer your questions. To receive a copy by mail call (623) 930-2016 or e-mail nrobinson@glendaleaz.com or visit www.glendaleaz.com to download a pdf version of the brochure.

\$100,000 Hole-In-One Shoot-Out. Get a hole-in-one and win \$100,000! It all happens at Glen Lakes Golf Course, 5450 W. Northern Ave. Qualify between November 15-22, the Finals will be held on Sunday, November 23. Proceeds benefit the *Hook A Kid on Golf* program. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2042.



Glendale Visitor Center. The Glendale Visitor Center, which opened its doors in October of 2000, and has since served more than 88,307 visitors from each of the 50 states and a total of 46 countries, has new signage. The italic lower-case 'i' is the international symbol for information, more specifically, visitor information. For more information you can reach the Visitor Center at (623) 930-4500 or on the Web at www.visitglendale.com.

Around Town

Glendale Coffeehouse. It never changes. The atmosphere is warm and friendly, and there is no better place to be at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of the month than the Glendale Coffeehouse at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

On August 20, Don and Victoria Armstrong, a new duo for the Glendale Coffeehouse stage, perform in the auditorium. Scott Schaefer plays a mellow Native-American-style flute. To round out the evening, Grass Whackers deliver enormous fun with their always entertaining bluegrass-style music.

The Coffeehouse is a perfect venue for the aspiring musician. Call Anne at (623) 930-3573 for more information. Admission is free.

“Be a Lifesaver.” Glendale Fire Department and our partners are very excited to bring you FREE life saving classes. Vice Mayor Martinez is a proud contributor to this effort. We’re teaching a new form of CPR called CCC (Continuous Chest Compressions). Classes are only two hours long and are held monthly. Please feel free to include your friends and family in the class. The next class will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 21 at the Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center, 11550 W. Glendale Ave. To learn more about CCC-CPR & see our 2008 calendar [click here](#).

Remembering Glendale’s own Marty Robbins. As part of the Authors @ the Teague series at Velma Teague Branch Library, writer Andrew Means will share his book “Some Memories: Growing Up with Marty Robbins—as remembered by his twin sister, Mamie.” Means will appear at 2 p.m. on Aug. 23 in the adult lobby. Call (623) 930-3431 for more information.

Jammin’ at the Library. The Acoustic Jam Session meets at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27 in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

All levels of musicians are welcome in a round-robin circle. Play along with others, or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of other musicians. In fact, knowing how to play an instrument is not essential to having a good time at this monthly gathering.

Everyone is welcome to this free program. Call (623) 930-3573 for more information.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A new class is being offered to Glendale residents and employees who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2035.

The Bead Museum. Admission is free at The Bead Museum on Sundays through Labor Day weekend. The museum is located at 5754 W. Glenn Drive in downtown Glendale. [Read more](#).

Labor Day. City of Glendale offices and all three Glendale libraries will be closed on Monday, September 1 in observance of Labor Day. [Click here](#) for information on holiday schedule changes in Sanitation services.

Art Awakenings Exhibit. Art Awakenings returns to the Glendale Adult Center for another exhibition filled with the best work from their members. This exciting show will include the work of new members and the most successful work from their recent workshops. The exhibit will show through October 2 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 West Brown St. The center is open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday. [Click here](#) to visit the Art Awakenings Web site.

[Click here](#) for the City Council Meeting schedule.

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